OUR GOOD ROADS.

New Law for Building and Repairing the Highways.

It Should be Studied by Road Commissioners and the Farmers Who Pay The Taxes.

AN ACT

To provide for the assessment of money taxes for highway purposes and to repeal chapter two, "Assessments for highway purposes," and chapter three, "The performance of labor on highways and the commutation therefor," of act number two hundred and forty-three of the Public Acts of eighteen hundred eightyone, as amended, being compiler's sections number four thousand seventy-two to four thousand one hundred three, inclusive, of the Compiled Laws of eighteen hundred ninetyseven, and all acts and parts of acts

Section 1. The highways in every organized township in this state shall ceding year, and the other tax shall tax and shall be assessed on all tax- act. able property in the township, including that within the limits of incorthereof at the time of the passage of special purpose, which shall be used ship, for the purposes for which they were

appropriated or set aside. Section 2. The commissioner of highways in each township shall ren- supervision and by the direction of the than eighteen der to the township board at the an- township highway commissioner, on ditches. nual meeting thereof in the year nine- the highways and bridges which will Section 17. After any such turnpike teen hundred eight, an account in writ-

First. The highway labor assessed

Second. The amount paid for de-

application thereof. of such roads and bridges.

of road repair tax which in his judg- have been repaired and put in good ment, should be assessed upon the tax- condition, such surplus may be expend- section sixteen and section seventeen able property of the township outside ed by the highway commissioner on of this act shall be continued until all the limits of incorporated villages, for other highways and bridges in the the highways in the township are made the next ensuing year, not exceeding township wherever any improvement equal to the requirements of said secfifty cents on each one hundred dol- may be needed: lars valuation, according to the assess- That upon complaint in writing to the

ments which, in his judgment, should pair fund is being unequally and un- graveling, macadamizing or paving be made on the highways and bridges justly applied, or work improperly per- they may do so at their own expense. during the next ensuing year, and the formed, the township board may direct and in such manner as may be apamount of highway improvement tax the expenditure of such road repair proved by the highway commissioner; which should be levied for that pur-fund or the manner of performing and when sufficient means shall be pose, not exceeding fifty cents on each such work: Provided further, That not provided by such party or parties to one hundred dollars valuation accord- to exceed twenty-five dollars shall be make the improvement desired, the iny to the assessment roll for the last expended by the highway commission- highway commissioner shall furnish preceding year, which tax shall be er in any one year for tools or machin- a grade for such highway and direct assessed on all taxable property in the ery, without the consent of the town- the manner in which it shall be gradtownship, including that within the ship board. limits of incorporated villages.

an account in writing, stating:

tax received by him during the pre- machinery to used therefor, ceding year, a summary of the expentures and liabilities.

ments made on roads and bridges and the township clerk. of the condition of the roads and

with a statement of the application rolling or removing snow in winter.

named in section one of this act.

ing the next ensuing year and the thereafter, there shall be elected in amount of highway improvement tax each organized township one overseer

in section one of this act. cause such statement to be present-exceeding ten dollars may be made to vote at such meeting the amount of of sickness, absence or any other rea-

provided elsewhere in this act. meeting held in each organized town- ship treasurer. In case of a vacancy ship after the year nineteen hundred in the office of township highway com-

the electors shall also, by a majority township highway commissioner, of all those present and voting, includnot exceeding fifty cents on each one of any provision of this act. hundred dollars valuation, according Section 15. The township highway to the assessment roll for the last commissioner shall be entitled to such

neglect or refuse to vote any road re- nor more than three dollars per day pair tax or highway improvement tax, for the time actually employed, and the the township board and the township overseer of highways shall be entitled highway commissioner, acting jointly, to such compensation as the township shall order to be levied such a sum or board may decide which compensation sums, for either or both of these funds, shall not be less than one dollar and as may appear to them necessary and fifty cents per day nor more than two advisable, not to exceed the amounts dollars and fifty cents per day for the named in section one of this act.

such highway taxes, shall be transmit- township officers are paid. ted by the township clerk to the supervisor of his township on or before upon roads and bridges, except such the first day of October in the year work as may be required for repairs, nineteen hundred eight and in each shall have in view the permanent imyear thereafter, and such taxes shall provement of such roads and bridges. inconsistent with the provisions be levied and collected in the same Before any such manner as moneys for general town- provement on any highway, a survey The People of the State of Michigan ship purposes are levied and collected. of the highway shall be made by a The taxes so levied shall be carried competent surveyor and a profile of out in two separate columns in the tax such survey shall be made and placed roll, one as the road repair tax and the on file with the township clerk. This died, the body will be taken to Orwell, be laid out, improved and maintained other as the highway improvement profile shall show the grade lines of O., for burial. by two money taxes; one tax shall be tax, and the township treasurer shall the center of the highway and the botknown as the road repair tax, and shall keep separate accounts of the same. tom of the ditches, and there shall be be assessed on all property in the In addition to the bond required to be indicated upon the profile a grade line township outside of the limits of in- given by the treasurer by compiler's showing cuts and fills which, in the corporated villages, which tax shall section number four thousand one opinion of the surveyor, should be not exceed fifty cents on each one hundred sixty-seven of the Compiled made in order to establish a good hundred dollars valuation according Laws of eighteen hundred ninety- grade. All turnpiking shall be done to the assessment roll of the last pre- seven, such bond shall be in at least according to this profile before putting guard descended on camp McGurrin double the amount of all moneys to gravel or stone on the highway, unless

either or both of said taxes shall have will be impracticable and inadvisable porated villages, which tax shall not been determined by the township when completed, in which case a new exceed fifty cents on each one hundred meeting or township board, the town- grade shall be indicated on the profile, dollars valuation, according to the as- ship board shall have the power and which grade shall be satisfactory to sesesment roll for the last preceding authority to borrow an amount not ex- said board. Before proceeding to per-All highway moneys belonging ceeding three-fourths of the tax de- manently improve any highway the to the township or to any subdivision termined upon for the ensuing year, commissioner shall set grade stakes for the purpose of paying for labor, not more than one hundred feet apart, this act, shall be added to the road re- material, tools or machinery, or other on the side of the highway to be impair fund as the township board may expenses in connection with the laying proved, to which the grade shall be direct, except such moneys as have out, building, repairing or improving made to conform. The highway shall been appropriated or set aside for a of highways and bridges of the town- be constructed in such a manner as

be expended for labor, material and ditches adequate for drainage. other necessary expenses, under the width of the turnpike shall be not less directly benefit the property taxed, not shall be used for one year, the ruts exceeding one hundred dollars on any shall be filled, after which it shall be one mile of highway, unless otherwise graveled or macadamized in cases and performed in his township within directed by the township board. Should where gravel or crushed stone can the highway or highways or bridges conveniently be obtained. If it be addirectly adjacent to any property visable to put on gravel or stone when linquencies and commutations and taxed, be in good condition so that no grading has been completed, the turnother moneys received by him and the repairs are necessary thereon, then pike shall first be thoroughly compactthe tax raised on such property may ed. In graveling or macadamizing any Third, The improvements which be expended by the highway commis- highway, the gravel or stone shall be have been made on roads and bridges sioner on other highways or bridges in placed on the center thereof, in a mass in his township during the year pre- the township where it may be needed: not less than nine feet wide, and not ceding such report, and the condition Provided, If there be a surplus after the highway or highways or bridges inches deep, in the discretion of the Fourth. An estimate of the amount directly adjacent to the property taxed highway commissioner. Provided further ment roll for the last preceding year. | township board by any ten or more or persons interested in any highway. Fifth. The permanent improve- resident taxpayers that the road re- wish to improve the same by grading.

Section 3. The commissioner of ment fund shall be expended by the though the township were making the highways in each township shall ren- township highway commissioner un- improvement. The highway commisder to the township board at the an- der the direction of the township board sioner shall, if requested to so by nual meeting thereof in each year af- in laying out, building and permanent- the party or parties making the imter the year nineteen hundred eight, ly improving or repairing highways provement, supervise and direct the and bridges and in the employment of graveling, macadamizing or paving, and First. The amount of road repair labor, purchasing of material, tools or his per diem while so employed shall

ditures from that fund, the amount of the highway commissioner to see that ment: Provided, That no highway comoutstanding liabilities, if any, and the all highways and bridges are kept in missioner or any other town officer amount of such road repair fund, if as good condition as possible. He shall shall be awarded any contract for any, over and above such expendi- employ and direct the employment of any labor to be performed under the such labor as he may deem necessary provisions of this act, and any such Second. The amount of highway and advisable, and all disbursements contract, so awarded, shall be void. improvement tax received by him dur- from the highway improvement fund ing the preceding year, a summary of or the road repair fund shall be made improvements under any provision of the expenditures from that fund, a upon his warrant, drawn on the town- this act, may be taken from any propstatement of the permanent improve- ship treasurer and countersigned by erty set aside for highway purposes in

Section 12. Work to be paid for bridges so improved, the amount of from the road repair fund shall be ments for highway purposes, chapter its purchase as a terminal point for outstanding liabilities, if any, and the completed on or before the first day of three, "The performance of labor on amount of the highway improvement September in each year. Provided: highways and the commutation therefund, if any, over and above such ex- That not exceeding one-quarter of the for," of act number two hundred fortyamount of such tax may be kept by three of the Public Acts of eighteen Third The amount of all other the highway commissioner for later hundred eighty-one, as amended, being moneys received for highway purposes necessary expenses, or for plowing, compiler's sections numbers four thou-

Fourth. An estimate of the amount road district in each organized town- piled Laws of eighteen hundred ninetyof road repair tax which, in his judg- ship except that in townships consist- seven, and all acts and parts of acts ment, should be assessed for the en- ing of more than one surveyed town- contravening the provisions of this act sulng year, not exceeding the amount ship, each surveyed township may be are hereby repealed. a road district, and at each annual permanent improve- township meeting on the first Monday ments which, in his judgment, should in April after the passage of this act be made on the roads and bridges dur- and at each annual township meeting Henry, Prince of Prussia, that one which should be levied for that pur- of highways for each road district who pose, not to exceed the amount named shall work under the direction of the township highway commissioner. Section 4. The township board shall Emergency repairs to an amount not ed at the next annual township meet-| by such overseer of highways without ing, but a failure to render such state- consulting with the highway commisment or to present the same to the sloner, and if the highway commistownship meeting shall not affect the sioner be unable to take charge of the right of the electors of the township work on highways and bridges because road repair tax and road improvement son, the overseer of highways shall tax to be assessed, or of the township have charge and supervision of all board to fix and determine the same as work, and in such case warrants drawn by him and countersigned by the town-Section 5. At the annual township ship clerk shall be paid by the townseven the electors shall, by a majority missioner through death, resignation of those present and voting, who do or otherwise, the overseer of highways not reside in any incorporated village, residing in the same surveyed towndetermine the amount of road repair ship as the former highway commistax to be raised for the ensuing year, sioner resided in shall act in the place no; exceeding fifty cents on each one and stead of the highway commission- way home.

hundred dollars valuation, according er, until a new highway commissioner to the assessment roll for the last pre-shall be appointed or elected, and shall shall be appointed or elected, and shall ceding year, and at the said meeting have all the powers and duties of such

ing residents of incorporated villages sioner shall be responsible for the disin such organized township, determine charge of all duties formerly required the amount of highway improvement of overseers of highways: Provided, tax to be raised for the ensuing year, Such duties are not in contravention

preceding year. compensation as the township board may decide, which compensation shall at any annual township meeting shall be not less than two follars per day time actually employed. The compensa-Section 7. A certified copy of the tion of the highway commissioner and record of the proceedings of the town- the overseer of highways shall be paid ship meeting or township board, fix- from the general or other fund of the ing and determining the amount of township, in the same manner as other Section 16. All work hereafter done

permanent imbe known as the highway improvement come into his hands by virtue of this it can be clearly shown to the township board, and agreed to by the board, that Section 8. When the amount of the grade established on such profile to form a turnpike, sufficiently crown-Section 9. The road repair tax shall ing to shed water, with gutters or feet between side

less than six nor more than twelve

Section 18. The work specified in

Section 19. Whenever any person ed, and his per diem while so employed Section 10. The highway improve shall be paid by the township as be paid by the township as though the Section 11. It shall be the duty of township were making the improve-Section 20. Materials for making

the township. Section 21, Chapter two, "Assesssand seventy-two to four thousand one Section 13. There shall be but one hundred three, inclusive, of the Com-

> A gentleman once remarked to rarely found genius, wit, memory and judgment united in the same person. "Surely, there is nothing astonishing in this," replied the prince. "Genius takes its daring flight toward heaven -he is the eagle. Wit moves along by fits and starts-he is the grasshopper. Memory marches backwardshe is the crab. Judgment drags along slowly-he is the tortoise. How can you expect all these animals to act in unison?"

> > Maltese Fish Boys.

in Malta, a fish boy, who sells the fish his father catches, carries a big basket on his back and in his hands two round flat basins, one of which he balances upon his head. Gradually his burden lightens and finally he tosses his empty basins into his emptied basket and stops to play on his

From the State Capital

Information and Gossip Furnished by Special Correspondent at Lansing.

Lansing .- Prof. Bogue of the Agri- | Bugs Destroy Timber. cultural college died from a severe attack of appendicitis. He had been 1894. From 1896 to 1900 he was professor of botany and entomology at 1900 he came to Michigan Agricultural college as professor of forestry. He labored to improve the course in forestry offered by the college and succeeded in making the forestry course Michigan Agricultural college equaled by no other college of its kind in the United States. He leaves a widow and one child. In accordance with a wish expressed just before he

Storms Disturb Encampment.

Another of those wind and rain storms that seem to have become a regular feature of the annual encampments of the Michigan National Monday afternoon. For several hours it rained steadily and at times so vigorously that it was difficult to see across the parade ground. Nearly the whole of the brigade was out on the post problem when the first of the cloudburst occurred and it was a very bedraggled body of officers and men that waded back to camp. About the only consoling feature of the day's doings was that the wind was considerate enough not to blow down many tents, so the soldiers were able on their return from the maneuvers to mitigate war horrors to the extent of donning dry clothing. It has been suggested that if future encampments are to be marked by the same sort of weather as this year's tour of duty, rubber boots and umbrellas be made' part of the uniform. The weather man's unnecessary liberality with his dampness made it necessary to postpone the Thielmann and military order of foreign wars-pistol matches. Dr. F. W. Schumway, secretary of the state board of health, inspected the camp and pronounced the sanitary arrangements excellent. He concurred in some recommendations made by Lieut, Col. Henkel, chief surgeon, for betterment along certain lines, particularly in the water supply. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, Gov. Warner did not come to camp, but was met by Cols. Stewart, Mortgan been reserved for him. The governor was guest of honor at a reception given by the citizens of Ludington in the evening and this reception was followed by a military ball at the Stearns. Both reception and ball were largely attended by officers of the National guard and civilians.

Town Policed by Soldiers. Ludington is policed during the encampment by a provost guard of 50 of the boys in blue. It is a safeguard against disorder which brought many favorable comments. Thousands of visitors have poured into the city and among them many unsavory char acters. The soldiers have already done good work in repelling crimes and disorder. The reception to Gov. Warner was formal and brilliant. It took the form of a supper and ball at the Stearns hotel. Many ladies were present from the city and elsewhere in the state and all the officers were in dress uniform.

C. P. to Enter Sarnia.

Formal announcement of the entering of the Canadian Pacific railway into Sarnia was made this week when J. S. Sullivan, superintendent of construction, was in Sarnia looking over the Sarnia Bay mill with a view to the line which the C. P. R. intends to build there. If the Canadian Pacific railway enters Sarnia it will mean the ultimate extension to Port Huron.

Is After 1908 Convention.

Gov. Warner has extended an invitation to the American Bar association soon to meet at Portland, Me., to hold its annual meeting in Detroit in August, 1908. The advantages of Detroit as a convention city are fully set forth in a letter sent out from the executive office.

Ingham Wants One.

Ingham county, in which the state capital is located, is likely to be unrepresented in the state constitutional convention, Shiawassee county having outvoted Ingham at the primaries on account of the interest taken in the courthouse bonding proposition.

Calhoun to Have Big Fair.

Calhoun county is to have a fair that will be a revelation to the na-The management of the fair is changed entirely, and for the first time baseball games, a deer farm, fire deof the new buildings have been comfair will be called the "White City," | ton school buildings.

Bugs have undertaken to finish up the Michigan lumber industry. Lumsick for a week and complications set | ber men have awakened to the fact which caused him to fail steadily that the formerly despised tamarack till the end came. Prof. Bogue gradu- and hemlock are valuable now since ated from Ohio State university in the pine has been cleared away and some more fortunes have been planned. The insects, too, have Oklahoma Agricultural college. In found that tamarack and hemlock are good. Bugs that feed on the foliage and a beetle that works its way into the wood are doing great damage to the standing timber and an effort is being made by the state authorities and the government to devise some way of stopping the slaughter. Prof. R. H. Pettit, of the Michigan Agricultural college, has returned from a tour of investigation in the northern peninsula. The only known remedy for the beetles are woodpeckers, but the beetles burrow so deeply that the birds cannot get at them.

Cheap Rates Increase Travel.

Owing to the recent rate legislation the people of upper Michigan are traveling to and from Milwaukee and Chicago at materially less cost than at any time heretofore. Two reductions in passenger fares have been made in less than 30 days, the first based on a rate of two and one-half cents, the second on a rate of two cents a mile. Under the new schedule-to note one case in point-the fare from Iron Mountain to Milwaukee is \$4.25. This is a cut from \$5.15 on July 19 and \$6.15 prior to that date. The fare to Chicago is now \$5.95, reduced from \$7.05 on July 19 and \$8.70 prior to that date. Twenty years ago the fare from Iron Mountain to Chicago was more than \$14. There is no question that the cheaper rates will materially stimulate travel. Boxers Not Bothersome.

Boxer difficulties having disappeared for a time at least, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Canright, Battle Creek missionaries at Chentu, West China, have settled down to their work on broader plans than ever. The Boxer uprising upset many of their plans as their hospital was partially destroyed, some of their leading helpers murdered, and they escaped death themselves only by hiding in an attic for several days. while the murderous Chinese hunted for them. Dr. Canright has charge of a large new hospital at Chentu, 2,600 miles up the Yellow river, where the and Watson, his personal aides and Canrights have spent 15 years, during escorted to the Stearns hotel in Lud- which four children have been born. ington, where accommodations had In one day recently Dr. Canright gave treatment to 101 patients.

Inspector Is Economical.

State Oil Inspector Benjamin, who is soon to be succeeded by Frank T. Neal, of Northville, probably holds the record for economical management of the office. His personal expenses for a quarter of a year are generally not to exceed \$15 or \$20. This includes stationery, postage, traveling expenses, express, telephoning, telegraphing, etc. During the last quarter he expended \$3.66 for traveling expenses. With this sum he purchased a railroad ticket to Lansing and return, and expended 50 cents for two lunches while in the city. There was no street car fare, hack or hotel bill for the inspector during the quarter.

Michigan's Internal Revenue. According to the annual report of

the commissioner of internal revenue which has just been made public, there were collected in the state of Michigan from internal revenue receipts during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, \$5,334,808.52. Of which amount \$4,531,997.21 was received by Collector David Maginnity in the First district, and \$802,811.31 was collected by Samuel M. Lemon in the Fourth

Michigan Companies Incorporate.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state by the following corporations: J. Fellman & Co., Detroit, \$3,000; Tillamook Yellow Fir company, Boyne City, \$1,600,000; Schwarzchild & Sulzberger company, Detroit, \$45,000. The Packard Motor Car company of Warren, O., and Detroit, increased its capital from \$1,-000,000 to \$1,500,000, and the Lee Manufacturing company, of Port Huron, from \$40,000 to \$75,000.

May Land Appointment.

The tip is being passed around here that Judge R. H. Person is likely to land the appointment as the democratic member of the state railroad commission. Gov. Warner probably will announce the appointment within the next two weeks.

Julia Moross Writ Granted.

Justice Hooker, of the supreme tives in comparison to previous years. | court, granted a writ of certiorari in the case brought by Julia V. Moross and others against the board of educain its history the Michigan Central and tion of the city of Detroit, which ininterurban roads are to run special volves the right of the board of educatrains and give special rates. Six tion of that city to condemn land for school purposes. The case will be partment runs, horse races and bal- heard at the October term of the suloon ascensions are the features. All preme court. The condemnation proceedings were instituted in order to pleted and are painted white. The secure more ground for the Washing-

HIS BROKEN HEART

"He looked pale, didn't you think questioned Aunt Amelia, anxiously. "Yes, and I noticed that when went upstairs he kept his hand on the



"That Kitty Durrell."

and stared at ear other. The in dent of one's loved nephew ing thrown ov by the girl whom he was gaged now bei enhanced by t fact that this ve evening her we ding to anoth took place

banisters," suppl mented Aus

Grace. "You kno

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steps at a time

Then they s

tainly furnished tragic elements. "He hasn't mentioned her name the eight months since the engage ment was broken," said Aunt Amel "And he seemed to get over it quickly that I thought it was all rig But Artie has a deep nature!"

"He was probably mourning over all the time," said Aunt Grace. idea that a little, pale-faced snip su as that Kitty Durrell should ever tract a big, handsome fellow i Artie anyhow! Still, if he res cared-oh, do you suppose he is there suffering?'

"I heard him shut his door," : Aunt Amelia, anxiously. "And u ally he never thinks of doing t after dinner. Do you suppose he getting out old letters and pictures "He sent those all back," said A

Grace. "But I am worried. He carried this on his mind all the months and even the strongest ture will break down at last. ? that he realizes she is lost to him ! ever there's no telling-"

Aunt Amelia grew white. "Don' she almost wept. "Don't suggest s a thing! If he didn't have such intense nature, I shouldn't w a minute, but such awful this happen nowadays. Just when don't expect them, too. And he did eat the prune whip to-night, thou it's his favorite dessert. I'm go upstairs and call to him."

Breathlessly she hastened to second floor. "Artie!" she quave outside the door.

"Artie!" she repeated, with one ha over her heart. An inarticulate "Humph?" came

No answer.

"I-I thought you called me, de: prevaricated his listening relat

"Uh-huh." vouchsafed Artie. She was wiping her eyes when

fighting it out by himself, I kno she moaned. "Wouldn't I like to that Kitty Durrell a piece of my m I suppose she's forgotten that he ists, and there the poor dear bo struggling to put her out of his he and mind! She ought to have ears boxed! I never wanted A to marry her, because she wasn't good enough for him, but the ide her jilting him for that Simps He is bald-a little-and did you see him grin? It's all the more ble because Artie has suppressed feelings so long. I never drea that Artie felt like this. Would

call him again?" "I don't know," said Aunt Gr helplessly. She was twisting handkerchief into a ball. "And I just reading of a man who killed self because-

Aunt Amelia gave a little sh "I thought of that, too!" she grasping the chair arms. "You suppose he'd-he'd think of such awful thing?'

"You can't tell," said Artie's o aunt, gloomily. "I suppose," sobbed Aunt G

'she's eating bride's cake and la ing! While Artie-what's that?" fell against her sister in terror sharp sound came from above. Without more ado they scram

upstairs, hearts pounding, terrible ions assailing them. As Aunt Grace stretched her to grasp the knob the door sudd

opened. The young man, freshshaven and particularly correct and gorgeous in evening apparel, who stepped out whistling. stopped in dismay as he bumped into his relatives.

"Artie!" they chorused, hysterically, in their re lief.

"Oh, did you hear me smash my shaving mug?" he asked. "Hit it

with my elbow. I forgot to tell that I'm taking Miss Hammell party to-night. She'll be the pregill there, too. You ought to see when she's togged up. Good nigh

He vanished through the front The two women looked foolish! each other.

"I don't believe he even remen that this is Kitty Durrell's we day!" said Aunt Grace, indignan "I think Artle must be fickle

all," said Aunt Amelia in an in tone. "And I thought he was s ferent!"